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SUBJECT: GOA REQUEST THAT 50 PERCENT OF US/ALGERIAN TRADE
BE RESERVED FOR ALGERIAN FLAG VESSELS.

1. ON JANUARY 2 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) GAVE US
A DIPLOMATIC NOTE (NO. 3611) DATED DECEMBER 15 INFORMING
US OF THE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AISSA HENNI,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MERCHANT MARINE, AND AMAR MOKHTAR,
DIRECTOR OF MARITIME TRANSPORT FOR THE ALGERIAN NATIONAL
SHIPPING LINE (CNAN). NOTE SAYS HENNI AND MOKHTAR WANT
TO MAKE CONTACT WITH FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION (FMC)
AND MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (MA) TO DISCUSS AN AGREEMENT
"IN PRINCIPLE" TO ALLOT 50 PERCENT OF US/ALGERIAN TRADE
TO ALGERIAN FLAG VESSELS. NOTE POINTS OUT THAT CNAN HAS
BEEN PERMITTED TO CARRY CARGOS FOR TWO PROJECTS FINANCED
BY EXIMBANK FOR DRAVO CORPORATION BUT THAT U.S. LAW
STILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCES CNAN'S SHARE OF THE TRADE.

2. HENNI AND MOKHTAR HAVE ALREADY RETURNED TO ALGIERS AND
BECAUSE NOTE DELIVERED ONLY AFTER THEIR TRIP COMPLETED,
WE WERE UNABLE TO ALERT FMC AND MA. WE DO NOT YET KNOW
WHETHER THEY IN FACT VISITED FMC OR MA OR DISCUSSED
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THIS SUBJECT. MFA ASSURES US, HOWEVER, THAT "PROBLEM"
STILL EXISTS.

3. WHILE MFA'S REQUEST IS FOR A 50/50 DIVISION OF THE
ENTIRE TRADE, IT MAY BE THAT AN EASING OF EXIM OR MA
RULES FAVORING U.S. FLAG VESSELS WOULD SATISFY THEM.
IN ANY CASE THEY OFFER NO QUID PRO QUO AND WE PLAN TO

REPLY THAT EXIM-FINANCED CARGOS MUST BY LAW BE CARRIED
IN U.S. BOTTOMS EXCEPT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES
DESCRIBED IN PUBLIC RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF THE 73RD
CONGRESS. WE WOULD FURTHER SAY THAT THE USG HAS NO
AUTHORITY TO DIRECT PRIVATELY-FINANCED CARGOS TO ANY
PARTICULAR SHIPPING LINE OR TO VESSELS OF A PARTICULAR
FLAG.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE OR INSTRUCTIONS.
ALSO REQUEST ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN SUPPLY ABOUT
RESULTS OF HENNI'S AND MOKHTAR'S DISCUSSIONS (IF ANY)
AT FMC AND MA.

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